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SUBJECT: HABITAT PREP COM - NGO ACTIVITIES

1. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS STONG SUPPORT FOR NGO INVOLVEMENT IN VANCOUVER CONFERENCE, BOTH THE SOVIETS AND BRAZILIANS SUGGESTED PLAYING DOWN THIS ASPECT OF THE CONFERENCE. BRITO (BRAZIL) STATED THAT VANCOUVER CONFERENCE WAS ESSENTIALLY ONE FOR POLICY MAKERS AND PARALLEL NGO CONFERENCE MIGHT DETRACT FROM IT. ALSO NOTED THAT NGO'S WERE STILL PREDOMINANTLY FROM INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. LATTER POINT WAS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED. NGO COMMITTEE FOR HABITAT WELL AWARE OF IT ALSO AND WILL TRY TO RAISE FUNDS TO ASSIST NGO'S FROM LDC'S TO GET TO CONFERENCE.

2. U.S. DEL TOOK ISSUE WITH BRAZIL, SUGGESTED THAT WITH EMPHASIS NOW BEING PUT ON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING U.S. AND ELSEWHERE, CONTINUKNG DIALOGUE WITH NGO'S IN PREPARATORY PROCESS AND A CONFERENCE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. AUSTRALIANS ALSO VIGOROUS AND ARTICULATE IN SUPPORT OF NGO ACTIVITIES AND URGED THAT PARALLEL CONFERENCE MEET FEW DAYS BEFORE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE DIALOGUE

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BETWEEN TWO CONFERENCES AT VANCOUVER.

3. BOTH SWEDES AND VAN PUTTEN, CHAIRMAN OF NGO COMMITTEE
NOTED THAT PARALLEL ACTIVITIES DO NOT CONVERGE AND SUGGESTED
NEED FOR FINDING WAY OF IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
TWO ACTIVITIES AT VANCOUVER.

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